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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 57-62 and add new claims 63-68 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-62 (Cancelled).

Claim 63 (New). A printing information distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected to portable information terminals and printers through a communication network, the apparatus comprising:

- 5 means for storing items of print information;
- means for transmitting to one of the portable information terminals through the communication network a printing reservation screen image which makes a user of the one of the portable information terminals input a reservation request for
- 10 printing a selected item or items of the print information stored in the print information memory and identification of the one of the portable information terminals;

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means for storing the reservation request and the
identification of the one of the portable information terminals
15 which are input by the user and transmitted through the
communication network; and

distribution means, in response to an input identification
of a portable information terminal transmitted from one of the
printers, for reading a reservation request from the reservation
20 request and identification storing means which corresponds to the
input identification, reading an item or items of print
information from the print information storing means which
corresponds to the read reservation request, and transmitting the
read item or items of print information to the one of the
25 printers.

Claim 64 (New). The printing information distribution
apparatus according to claim 63, wherein

the printing reservation screen image makes the user input
the reservation request, the input identification, and a print
5 format;

the reservation request and identification storing means
stores the reservation request, the input identification, and the
print format; and

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the distribution means reads the reservation request and
10 the print format from the reservation request and identification
storing means which corresponds to the input identification,
reads an item or items of print information from the print
information storing means which corresponds to the read
reservation request, modifies the read item or items of print
15 information based on the read print format, and transmits the
modified item or items of print information to the one of the
printers.

Claim 65 (New). The printing information distribution
apparatus according to claim 63, wherein

the printing reservation screen image makes the user input
the reservation request, the input identification, and a print
5 medium selection;

the reservation request and identification storing means
stores the reservation request, the input identification, and the
print medium selection; and

the distribution means reads the reservation request and
10 the print medium selection from the reservation request and
identification storing means which corresponds to the input
identification, reads an item or items of print information from

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the print information storing means which corresponds to the read reservation request, modifies the read item or items of print
15 information based on the read print medium selection, and transmits the modified item or items of print information to the one of the printers.

Claim 66 (New). A printing information distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected to portable information terminals and printers through a communication network, the apparatus comprising:

5 a print information storage device which stores items of print information;

a transmitter which transmits to one of the portable information terminals through the communication network a printing reservation screen image which makes a user of the one
10 of the portable information terminals input a reservation request for printing a selected item or items of the print information stored in the print information memory and identification of the one of the portable information terminals;

a reservation request and identification storage device
15 which stores the reservation request and the identification of

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the one of the portable information terminals which are input by
the user and transmitted through the communication network; and
a distribution device which, in response to an input
identification of a portable information terminal transmitted
20 from one of the printers, reads a reservation request from the
reservation request and identification storage device which
corresponds to the input identification, reads an item or items
of print information from the print information storage device
which corresponds to the read reservation request, and transmits
25 the read item or items of print information to the one of the
printers.

Claim 67 (New). The printing information distribution
apparatus according to claim 66, wherein

the printing reservation screen image makes the user input
the reservation request, the input identification, and a print
5 format;

the reservation request and identification storage device
stores the reservation request, the input identification, and the
print format; and

the distribution device reads the reservation request and
10 the print format from the reservation request and identification

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storage device which corresponds to the input identification,
reads an item or items of print information from the print
information storage device which corresponds to the read
reservation request, modifies the read item or items of print
15 information based on the read print format, and transmits the
modified item or items of print information to the one of the
printers.

Claim 68 (New). The printing information distribution
apparatus according to claim 66, wherein

the printing reservation screen image makes the user input
the reservation request, the input identification, and a print
5 medium selection;

the reservation request and identification storage device
stores the reservation request, the input identification, and the
print medium selection; and

the distribution device reads the reservation request and
10 the print medium selection from the reservation request and
identification storage device which corresponds to the input
identification, reads an item or items of print information from
the print information storage device which corresponds to the
read reservation request, modifies the read item or items of

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- 15 print information based on the read print medium selection, and transmits the modified item or items of print information to the one of the printers.